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IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA )  
UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S )  
INVESTIGATION OF MATTERS )  
RELATED TO THE FEDERAL )  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S )  
REPORT AND ORDER AND ORDER ON )  
REMAND AND FURTHER NOTICE OF )  
PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN CC )  
DOCKET NOS. 01-338, 96-98, AND 98-147 )

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

CAUSE NO. 42500-S1

You are hereby notified that on this date a Presiding Officer makes the following Entry in this Cause:

## 1. Organization of Prefiled Testimony.

Prefiled case-in-chief, response, and reply testimony is due to be filed in this Cause on or before March 1, March 15, and March 29, 2004, respectively. Consistent organization of the prefiled testimony will assist in understanding and evaluating the parties' positions. The Presiding Officer finds that the most appropriate approach to organizing the prefiled testimony of each witness in this Cause is to follow the same organizational structure and numbering system used to establish the batch hot cut Consolidated Issues Matrix. The Consolidated Issues Matrix is organized under twelve (12) broad categories of issues (listed below), within which are sixty-six (66) issues (numbered 1.0 through 66.0), and numerous subissues (numbered, for example, 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, etc.). The categories of issues are:

- Request for Information
- Scope of Batch Process
- Batch Size, Intervals, and Scalability
- Batch Process (OSS – General)
- Batch Process (Preorder)
- Batch Process (Order)
- Batch Process (Provisioning)
- Batch Process (Maintenance/ Repair)
- Batch Process (Billing)
- Validation/Testing/Performance Metrics
- Pricing/Cost
- Other

The most recent Consolidated Issues Matrix, filed pursuant to a January 9, 2004 Docket Entry, did not include the titles of the broad issue categories within the Matrix. The prefiled testimony in this Cause, as well as any Consolidated Issues Matrix filed in the future, should be clearly organized by using and identifying the established issue categories, issues, subissues, and numbering system.

These organizational requirements for prefiled testimony are not intended to limit the scope of testimony in this Cause to matters already identified in the Consolidated Issues Matrix. However, any new issue category and its issues/subissues should be clearly identified as such. Any new issue to an existing issue category or any new subissue to an existing issue should be clearly identified within the established organizational structure and numbering system.

In addition to the above organizational requirements, the parties should prepare their prefiled testimony in standard question and answer format.

## **2. On-Site Visit to View Hot Cuts and Conversions.**

The January 9, 2004 Docket Entry contemplated the possibility of either the Presiding Officers or a party requesting an on-site visit to view the batch hot cut process in order to fully understand all of the necessary activities that comprise the inputs to a cost study.

Following discussion with Commission technical staff, the Presiding Officer concludes that an on-site visit to view existing hot cut and conversion activities, processes, plant, facilities, and equipment would assist assigned Commission personnel in understanding the inputs to SBC's cost study and would generally inform us regarding the existing hot cut and conversion activities and processes currently in place. In addition to viewing SBC's performance of these processes, participation by one or more CLECs would also be helpful. The on-site visit(s) would, of course, also be open to any party to this proceeding.

The on-site visit(s) should show in "real time," where possible, as many aspects as possible of the hot cut or conversion process, from the perspective of both SBC and a CLEC(s), including, but not limited to, those existing or current activities identified on SBC's recent batch hot cut cost study and related documents. SBC and the participating CLEC(s) should identify and explain the different types of equipment, plant, and facilities used. Parties may be asked to describe activities or processes that cannot be demonstrated in real time. As much as possible, SBC and the participating CLEC(s) should plan to demonstrate and explain their respective portions of the process in either concurrent or adjacent time slots.

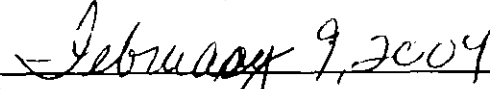
The Presiding Officer does not believe that the contemplated on-site visit(s) gives rise to any obvious *ex parte* concern. Realizing, however, that on-site visits are not


standard procedure in matters pending before the Commission, any party having an *ex parte* or other concern about an on-site visit as described in this Entry should raise that concern, through a filing in this Cause, as soon as possible.

Commission technical staff and the parties should informally discuss the technical and practical implementation details of the on-site visit(s). A Docket Entry will be issued to memorialize the scheduling of an on-site visit(s).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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William G. Divine, Administrative Law Judge

  
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Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission